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1. North Korean military forces are at present deployed in depth in defense against a possible invasion by forces from South Korea. The 38th parallel itself is lightly held, with regimental reserves of the North Korean People's Army held in an area twenty to thirty kilometers north of the border.
2. The reserves of two divisions of the People's Army charged with the defense of the 38th parallel are stationed from thirty to sixty miles north of the border. National reserves* are being retained in the Hamhung (127-32, 39-54) and Nanam (129-41, 41-42) areas.
3. This defense plan has been prescribed by Soviet military advisers to the North Korean government.

Comment. The term "national reserves" may indicate mobilized personnel not assigned to any unit.

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